

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently amended)** ~~In the~~ A process of forming an overbased alkaline earth metal organic complex of a carboxylic acid by the reaction of a basic alkaline earth metal compound, and alcohol and/or glycol, a carboxylic acid, and carbon dioxide, ~~wherein the improvement consists of comprising~~ using, as the carboxylic acid, one or more non-fatty alkyl group-containing carboxylic acid(s) selected from the group consisting of an non-fatty alkyl group-containing carboxylic acid(s), alkyl group-substituted aromatic carboxylic acids, unsubstituted aromatic carboxylic acids, and mixtures thereof.
2. **(Currently amended)** ~~A~~The process ~~as claimed in of~~ Claim 1 wherein the carboxylic acid contains an alkyl group of up to eight carbon atoms.
3. **(Currently amended)** ~~A~~The process ~~as claimed in of~~ Claim 2 wherein the acid is 2 ethylhexanoic acid.
4. **(Currently amended)** ~~A~~The process ~~as claimed in of~~ Claim 1 wherein the carboxylic acid contains an alkyl-substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group.
5. **(Currently amended)** ~~A~~The process ~~as claimed in of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 4~~ wherein the molar ratio of alkaline earth metal compound to such acid in the initial reaction medium is from about 3 to about 7.5 moles for each mole of acid.
6. **(Currently amended)** ~~A~~The process ~~as claimed in any of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 4~~ wherein the alkaline earth metal is barium.

7. **(Currently amended)** ~~In the~~ A process of forming an overbased barium organic complex of a carboxylic acid by the reaction of a basic barium compound, and alcohol and/or glycol, a carboxylic acid, and carbon dioxide, ~~wherein the improvement consists of~~ comprising using, as the carboxylic acid, one or more non-fatty alkyl group-containing carboxylic acid(s).
8. **(Currently amended)** ~~A~~The process ~~as claimed in~~ of Claim 7 wherein the carboxylic acid contains an alkyl group of up to eight carbon atoms.
9. **(Currently amended)** ~~A~~The process ~~as claimed in~~ of Claim 8 wherein the acid is 2-ethylhexanoic acid.
10. **(Currently amended)** ~~A~~The process ~~as claimed in~~ of Claim 7 wherein the carboxylic acid contains an alkyl-substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group.
11. **(Currently amended)** ~~A~~The process ~~as claimed in any of Claims 7 to 10~~ wherein the molar ratio of alkaline earth metal compound to such acid in the initial reaction medium is from about 3 to about 7.5 moles for each mole of acid.
12. **(Currently amended)** An overbased alkaline earth metal organic complex of a carboxylic acid formed by the process of ~~any of Claims 1 to 11.~~
13. **(Original)** A polyvinyl chloride composition comprising the overbased alkaline earth metal organic complex of a carboxylic acid as claimed in Claim 12.